

Council Sets Monday Session on Sign Issue

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SWING INTO ACTION . . . Members of the Torrance League of Women Voters take to the telephone and typewriter as they prepare to launch their annual fund drive Tuesday. Mrs. Perry Baker, membership chairman, gets on the telephone while Mrs. Burton Belzer (center), finance committee chairman, and Mrs. Frank Adair, finance committee, get ready to make the necessary notes. The annual drive is conducted by the League to raise funds for its diverse voter information services. (Press-Herald Photo)

League of Women Voters

Annual Fund Drive Will Open Tuesday

Members of the Torrance League of Women Voters will launch their annual fund drive Tuesday, Mrs. Burton Belzer, finance committee chairman, announced today.

The League annually solicits financial support from local industries, businesses, and civic-minded individuals to support its diverse voter information services, Mrs. Belzer said.

The three-fold purpose of the campaign, Mrs. Belzer explained, is to acquaint people of the community with the League and its purposes, to meet with selected community leaders in the interest of good government, and to seek financial support for the League's activities.

THE LEAGUE is a non-partisan organization open to all women citizens of voting age who believe in representative government. Its purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Although the League is nonpartisan, Mrs. Belzer explained, its members are en-

couraged to work as individuals in the political party of their choice at all levels of government — local, state, and national. It also encourages its members to be informed about local, state, and national issues through study and discussion groups.

OTHER activities include the publication of voting and registration fact sheets, candidates' meetings, distributions of arguments for and against ballot measures, and providing speakers on ballot measures and study items.

"Our finance appeal is based on the premise that informed citizen participation in government makes for a better community," Mrs. Belzer declared, "and that a non-partisan, volunteer group such as the League serves a vital role in the community."

Six Men Kidnap Motorist

Six men kidnaped and terrorized a Torrance man Friday, driving away with his car after releasing him.

Leonard C. McMaster, 23930 Ocean Ave., Apt. 143, told police he was leaving a Torrance bar at 1 a.m. when the six men surrounded him. The suspects hijacked McMaster's small foreign car, forcing him to cruise around town with them for an hour. McMaster said they finally let him out on Hawthorne boulevard but kept the car. The vehicle was described as 1965 white model, with license number PFY 063.

Superintendent Addresses Teachers

Cooperation Essential in Education

"The junior high school in America has failed." So said Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools, at a meeting of nearly 1,900 teachers and administrators Tuesday.

Speaking at a back-to-school orientation program held in the new El Camino auditorium, the superintendent said junior highs and intermediate schools have missed their mark because they have been "built upon an impossible set of assumptions with an impossible schedule."

"The kind of school that shoves kids around all day among teachers who never get a chance to know and understand them has definite limitations for many

adolescents," he pointed out. "It may deter suicide attempts if all seventh and eighth graders have a teacher somewhere that they can see on a personal basis."

"A ONE-SUBJECT teacher may not be qualified to do the kind of job we want done with Torrance seventh and eighth-grade students," he stated. "I want teachers to have more than one 45-minute contact a day with individual pupils, and pupils to have to be responsible to their teacher. Hit and run relationships aren't good."

Calling for teachers who are qualified in "the kind of human relations it requires to understand seventh and eighth-grade kids," Dr. Hull

underscored the need for teachers qualified to teach several subjects. "Our school board recently spent an extra \$100,000 to combat this problem in the seventh and eighth grades," he commented.

Urging all teachers to brush up on human relations, the Torrance superintendent remarked that too many people equate knowing subject matter with knowing how to teach.

ALONG with more professionally trained teachers, Dr. Hull called for reasonable class loads as a solution to the problem of motivating students to learn.

"Skimp on the number of classrooms you build and the

number of teachers you hire, and you wind up pulling 10 to 15 percent of the kids out of the regular class, hiring special teachers, putting them in classes half the size, and hiring a flock of counselors, psychologists, and other specialists to keep them out of trouble," he said. "What a fancy merry-go-round that becomes!"

Lashing out against autocratic means of manipulating students, Dr. Hull said Torrance schools are seeking teachers who can "rise above conflict techniques and get cooperation from their students." "The anti-establishment, anti-authority, anti-administration syndrome has completely engulfed our society," he told the teachers.

Meeting On Signs Planned

The height of pole signs and other aspects of the proposed sign ordinance will be discussed at a special City Council meeting Monday at 7 p.m.

The proposed ordinance, under discussion for many months, seeks to set realistic standards for controlling the multitude of signs that crowd the streets and businesses of Torrance.

Also to be considered at Monday's meeting are roof signs, directional signs, trade construction signs, pennants, real estate signs, political signs, and bulletin boards.

THE QUESTION of rotating, moving, flashing, changing, or blinking signs is also on Monday's agenda.

Councilmen have already agreed on some aspects of the proposed sign ordinance. At their meeting of Aug. 5, the lawmakers decided to establish a 10-year abatement period for those signs which do not conform to the revised standards. This abatement period will be subject to appeal, the council ruled.

Councilmen also agreed to limit the size of wall signs to 30 percent of the wall area for all commercial or manufacturing establishments. All overhead signs must be included within the 30 percent limit.

APARTMENT house signs must not exceed 10 percent of a wall's area, with a maximum of 40 square feet. Signs must be limited to identification and may not list rates.

Signs for duplexes and single family residences must be no more than one square foot in size, councilmen decided, and each structure will be limited to three such signs.

State Highway Division Sets Freeway Hearings

Meeting On Signs Planned

Beginning Oct. 4

Press-Herald Will Publish Friday Edition

Changes in the Press-Herald publication schedule to become effective Friday, Oct. 4, have been announced by Reid L. Bundy, co-publisher and editor. Beginning Oct. 4, the Press-Herald will publish a Friday edition. The new edition will replace the current Sunday publication, Bundy announced.

New deadlines for both classified and display advertising copy will be noon Thursday, Gene Roberts, advertising manager, has announced. News deadlines for community groups will be 5 p.m. Wednesday for the Friday edition.

Deadlines for the women's pages will be noon Wednesday for Friday publication. The new Friday Press-Herald will provide expanded coverage of church news throughout the city, Bundy said.

Restaurant and entertainment news also will be published in the Friday edition.

"The Press-Herald coverage of Torrance will now be equal on Wednesday and Friday," Bundy said in announcing expanded circulation for the new Friday edition.

The new Friday Press-Herald will offer both readers and advertisers equal coverage of Torrance. The Press-Herald will feature news of weekend activities and weekend advertising specials each Friday.

Cancer Society Sets Victory Celebration

Lawrence Welk—acclaimed the "wunnerful wunnerful" leader of the American Cancer Society's 1968 nationwide Crusade—will be the honored guest at the Los Angeles County Branch Annual Meeting set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at the Hollywood Palladium.

The famed band leader will be joined by Master of Ceremonies John Forsythe and Featured Speaker Peter Graves in setting a gala beat for a victory celebration

marking a record breaking fund-raising report.

While Welk covered the country on behalf of the 1968 "fight against cancer," Graves served as the California Division's Crusade chairman. Nationally, the Society has exceeded its goal and all previous year-end records.

Inviting local residents to join her at the countywide event is Mrs. Raymond Lucke, recently installed council chairman for the Centinela Valley-South Bay District. She said reservations may be made by telephoning the District office.

Car Slams Into Wall Of House

Friday the Thirteenth was an unlucky day for a Lomita motorist and a Torrance homeowner.

A car driven by Annie B. Morrow, 42, of 2456 W. 247th St., Lomita, went out of control at 2:15 a.m., plowing into the living room of the home of Farris G. Casey, 2275 W. 229th St.

Mrs. Morrow told police the accident occurred when she swerved to avoid hitting another vehicle. She was rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital with a bruise on her forehead.

Maps, Photos Showing Routes Now on Display

A formal public hearing on the proposed Torrance Freeway has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10, at Torrance High School. The hearing will be conducted by the State Division of Highways at 10 a.m.

Spokesmen for the State Division of Highways said results of route location studies will be presented. Government agencies, civic organizations, and all interested individuals will then be given an opportunity to express their views on the proposed freeway route.

Twelve alternate routes are being studied for the freeway, which will connect the San Diego Freeway with a previously adopted freeway route at Vermont Avenue and Anaheim Street in the Wilmington area.

TORRANCE councilmen last week ordered the city's Planning Commission to hold its own hearing Monday, Sept. 23. The council will then hold a public hearing Thursday, Oct. 3. Both sessions also are scheduled at Torrance High School.

In ordering the hearing, the council refused to act on a Planning Commission recommendation that the city endorse a route which skirts the western and southern edges of the city—the "blue-yellow" route.

The Planning Commission made its recommendation following a workshop session. In its letter to the council, the commission cited the need to protect vacant industrial land and also said the blue-yellow route would create a "barrier" in the city.

THE CITY'S Traffic and

Engineering Department had recommended the "red" route for the proposed freeway, saying it would create less of a barrier in the city than Hawthorne Boulevard (See FREeway, Page A-2)

Adult School Opens

Night school classes for Torrance adults will get under way at all four Torrance High Schools tomorrow, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Adult education offerings will also include daytime courses at two city parks and the YWCA.

Non-credit students may register at the first session of class. Persons who wish to receive high school credit must register in advance.

TUITION IS \$3 per course per semester for non-credit students, plus an incidental fee of 50 cents. Students under 21 or over 65 and those enrolled in English or citizenship classes for the foreign born are not required to pay tuition.

More than 90 courses will be offered. Persons desiring course schedules may pick them up at any library branch or at the adult education office, 2200 W. Carson Street. Additional information may be obtained by phoning the adult education office.

Furniture Van Found . . .

The 2½-ton green and white van stolen from Platt Music Corp., 625 Alaska Ave., has been found abandoned on a South Gate street, according to Torrance police. The \$7,000 worth of furniture loaded in the van when it disappeared was gone. Police said a nationwide warrant is out for the arrest of John B. Angel, a deliveryman hired by van owners to make deliveries in the Eastland and Montclair areas.

Torrance Worker Killed . . .

A Torrance man employed in a Hawthorne tool company was electrocuted Friday while he was checking an electrical panel. Earl Needham, 56, of 1001 Patronella Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival at Hawthorne Community Hospital about 8:45 a.m. Witnesses said Needham stuck his hand in the panel and seconds later fell to the floor.

'Good Neighbor' Sought . . .

Nominees are currently being sought for the Torrance Family YMCA's annual "Good Neighbor" Award. The award traditionally goes to someone who has quietly helped others on a person-to-person basis during the past year. Winner will be presented at the Good Neighbor Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 19. Nominations should be submitted in writing to Scott Albright, Award Chairman, YMCA office, 2900 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance. Last year's winner was John Mosley, who showed kindness to local children.